

Surah 25 Surah Furqaan

THE DECIDER

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH FURQAAN AND SURAH NOOR

By Name: Allaah declares in Surah Noor, “**Allaah is the Light of the heavens and the earth.**” The light of *Towheed* illuminates the universe and keeps it in existence. Allaah begins Surah Furqaan by saying, “**Blessed indeed is the Being Who revealed the Decider (Furqaan) to His bondsman (Rasulullaah ﷺ) so that he may be a warner to the universe.**” Allaah revealed the Furqaan (the Qur'aan, which is the Criterion to differentiate between right and wrong) so that this light of *Towheed* may be explained. It may also be said that this light of *Towheed* will itself distinguish right from wrong.

By Content: From Surah Kahaf the message was made clear that Allaah is the Creator, Controller and Master of the universe. He requires no deputy, neither has He vested any of this power in any of his creation. Therefore, only He is the Supreme Deity and Helper. Only He should be called upon in all adversities and offerings can be made only to Him.

Surah Furqaan and Surah Saba now discuss the result of the above i.e. since Allaah is the source and fountainhead of all blessings, prayer for favour and protection should be sought only from Him.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The main assertion of this Surah is that Allaah is the source of all blessings in this world and in the Akhirah. This assertion is stated in the following three verses of the Surah.

1. “Blessed indeed is the Being Who revealed the Decider to His bondsman (Rasulullaah ﷺ)...” [verse 1]

2. “Blessed is that Being Who, if He willed, would have granted you better bounties than this (than what they ask), by way of gardens beneath which rivers flow and He would have made palaces for you...” [verse 10]. Both the above verses, prove that only Allaah confers blessings in this world.

3. “Blessed is the Being Who created gigantic stars in the sky...” [verse 61]. This verse proves that Allaah is the only source of blessings in the Akhirah as well.

Thereafter, the Surah provides twenty proofs for this assertion. Several of these proofs are included in the incidents mentioned about certain Ambiyaa ﷺ. Together with these arguments, replies are given to several objections that the Kuffaar raised.

Just as Allaah is the Only One Who confers blessings to people in this world, it will be only He Who can do the same in the Aakhirah. Allaah thereafter describes those people who will receive from Him the blessings of the Aakhirah. They are referred to as **“Ar Rahmaan's bondsmen”**. Allaah describes eight attributes of these pious bondsmen from the words **“Ar Rahmaan's bondsmen are those who walk on earth in humility...”** (until the words) **...and make us leaders of the pious”** [verses 63 to 74].

This Surah aspects are discussed in the Surah, the following:

- * The primary assertion of the Surah is that Allaah is the only source of blessings. is repeated thrice, as mentioned above.
- * Twenty arguments are mentioned to prove this assertion.
- * Replies are given to seven objections usually raised about the assertion.
- * Reproaches and warnings are sounded.
- * Consolation is offered to Rasoolullah ﷺ.
- * A detailed description of Allaah's pious bondsmen is given.

سُبْحَانَ الْقُرْآنِ فَكَيْفَ يُنْزِلُ وَيُجِيبُ وَنُوحٍ أَيْتَاتِ سِتِّ كَوْنًا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْقُرْآنَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا ۝

1. Blessed indeed is the Being Who revealed the Decider (*the Qur'aan, which differentiates between right and wrong, Halaal and Haraam, etc*) **to His bondsman** (*Rasulullaah ﷺ*) **so that he may be a warner to the universe.**

الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَقَدَرَهُ تَقْدِيرًا ۝

2. (Blessed indeed is) The One to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, Who has not taken any son (*as the Christians say*), **has no partner in the kingdom** (*as the Mushrikeen say*), **has created everything, and then meticulously perfected them** (*He ordained every thing in its exact manner*).

وَاتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ آلِهَةً لَا يَخْلُقُونَ شَيْئًا وَهُمْ يُخْلَقُونَ وَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا نَفْعًا وَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ مَوْتًا وَلَا حَيَاةً وَلَا نُشُورًا ۝

3. Besides Him, they (*the Kuffaar*) **adopt Aaliha who cannot create anything, but have themselves been created. They have no power to effect any harm nor any benefit to themselves, and do not have any power over life, death or resurrection.** (*When they are so helpless, how can they be worshipped?*)

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا إِفْكُ إِفْتَرَاهُ وَأَعَانَهُ عَلَيْهِ قَوْمٌ آخَرُونَ فَقَدْ جَاءُوا ظُلْمًا وَزُورًا ۝

4. The Kuffaar say, "This (*Qur'aan*) **is merely a lie that he** (*Rasulullaah ﷺ*) **has forged and which other people** (*learned Jewish and Christian scholars*) **have assisted him** (*to compose*).**" They have indeed presented a grave injustice and lie.** (*see Surah 16, verse 103 where Allaah makes it clear that it is impossible for a non-Arab to produce a book that even the most eloquent Arabs could not produce.*)

وَقَالُوا آسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ اكْتَتَبَهَا فَهِيَ تُمْلَى عَلَيْهِ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا ۝

5. They (the Kuffaar) say (about the Qur'aan), "Fables of the old men that he (Rasulullaah ﷺ) has had written (by others) and which are recited (dictated) to him morning and evening." (These were the two appointed times of prayers at first.)

قُلْ أَنْزَلَهُ الَّذِي يَعْلَمُ السِّرَّ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَفُوًّا رَحِيمًا ①

6. Say, "The One Who knows the secrets of the heavens and the earth has revealed it (for someone without this knowledge can never produce such a masterpiece). Certainly, He has always been the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful (and will therefore not punish them immediately for their insolence but gives them time to repent)."

وَقَالُوا مَالِ هَذَا الرَّسُولِ يَأْكُلُ الطَّعَامَ وَيَمْشِي فِي الْأَسْوَاقِ لَوْلَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْهِ مَلَكٌ فَيَكُونُ مَعَهُ نَذِيرًا ②

7. And (in addition to this) they (also) say, "What is the matter with this Rasool that he eats food and walks in the marketplaces (like any ordinary human) ? Why is an angel not sent with him to be a warner alongside him?"

أَوْ يُنْفِى إِلَيْهِ كَنْزٌ أَوْ تَكُونُ لَهُ جَنَّةٌ يَأْكُلُ مِنْهَا وَقَالَ الظَّالِمُونَ إِنْ تَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا رَجُلًا مَسْحُورًا ③

8. "...Or why is a treasure not given to him or why does he not have an orchard from which he may eat?" (Allaah did not allow Rasulullaah ﷺ to demonstrate to the people these miracles because they would have rejected them and thereby attracted Allaah's immediate punishment.) (Not satisfied with saying only this,) The oppressors (Kuffaar) say (to the Muslims to prevent them from following Rasulullaah ﷺ), "You are merely following a bewitched man!"

أَنْظُرْ كَيْفَ ضَرَبُوا لَكَ الْأَمْثَالَ فَضَلُّوا فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ سَبِيلًا ④

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9. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) Look how they coin examples (fabricated lies about) of you (when they are unable to present any credible argument) ! So (by doing this) they wander (further) astray and will not find any road (to guidance).

تَبَرَّكَ الَّذِي إِنْ شَاءَ جَعَلَ لَكَ خَيْرًا مِنْ ذَلِكَ جَدَّتِ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ وَيَجْعَلُ لَكَ فُصُورًا ⑤

10. Blessed is that Being Who, if He willed, would have granted you better bounties than this (than what they ask), by way of gardens beneath which rivers flow and He would have made palaces for you. (However, Allaah had not done this because it was unnecessary and would have been harmful for them.)

بَلْ كَذَّبُوا بِالسَّاعَةِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِمَنْ كَذَّبَ بِالسَّاعَةِ سَعِيرًا ⑥

11. Nevertheless, (their main reason for rejecting the message of Rasulullaah ﷺ is that) they reject

Qiyaamah and We have prepared the Blaze (*Jahannam*) for those who reject Qiyaamah.

إِذَا رَأَتْهُمْ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ سَمِعُوا لَهَا تَغِيْطًا وَزَفِيرًا ۝١٧

12. When it (*Jahannam*) will see them from a distance (on the Day of Qiyaamah), (it will be so intense that) they will hear the roar of its fury and its crackling (flames).

وَإِذَا أُلْقُوا مِنْهَا مَكَانًا ضَيِّقًا مُقَرَّنِينَ دَعَوْا هُنَا لَكَ تَبَوْرًا ۝١٨

13. When they are flung into a narrow place (in *Jahannam*) with their hands and feet in shackles, they will cry out for destruction (they will plead for death to come to them).

لَا تَدْعُوا الْيَوْمَ تَبَوْرًا وَاحِدًا وَادْعُوا تَبَوْرًا كَثِيرًا ۝١٩

14. (However, they will be told,) “Do not cry for only one destruction (death) today, but cry for many a destruction (regardless of how much you wish for it, death will never come to you and you will suffer here forever).”

قُلْ أَذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ أَمْ جَنَّةُ الْخُلْدِ الَّتِي وُعِدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ كَانَتْ لَهُمْ جَزَاءً وَمَصِيرًا ۝٢٠

15. Say, “Is this (*Jahannam*) better, or the Jannah of eternity that those with *Taqwa* have been promised. It shall be a reward and an abode (home of pleasure) for them.”

لَهُمْ فِيهَا مَا يَشَاءُونَ خَالِدِينَ عَلَى رِبِّكَ وَعَدَ الْمَسْئُولَ ۝٢١

16. There they shall have whatever they desire and they will live there forever (eternally). This is a promise that your Rabb has undertaken to fulfil (by this grace only) and for which He should be asked. (man should constantly pray to Allaah to enter him into Jannah.)

وَيَوْمَ يَحْشُرُهُمْ وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَقُولُ أَأَنْتُمْ أَضَلَلْتُمْ عِبَادِي هَؤُلَاءِ أَمْ هُمْ ضَلُّوا السَّبِيلَ ۝٢٢

17. (Do not forget) The day (of Qiyaamah) when they (the *Mushrikeen*), together with those whom they worship besides Allaah, will be gathered together and Allaah will ask (their gods), “Did you lead these bondsmen of Mine astray, or did they themselves (on their own) deviate (far) from the (straight) path?”

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ مَا كَانَ يَنْبَغِي لَنَا أَنْ نَتَّخِذَ مِنْ دُونِكَ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَكِنْ مَتَّعْتَهُمْ وَآبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّى نَسُوا الذِّكْرَ وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا بُورًا ۝٢٣

18. They (the gods) will say, "You are Pure (from having any partners) ! It was not befitting for us to take (as gods) any friends besides You, but what happened was that You granted enjoyment (wealth, comfort and luxuries) to their fathers until they (became so engrossed in these things that they) forgot to remember (You) and were a destroyed nation (that fell headlong into kufr)."

فَقَدْ كَذَّبْتُمْ بِمَا تَقُولُونَ فَمَا تَسْتَطِيعُونَ صَرْفًا وَلَا نَصْرًا وَمَنْ يَظْلِم مِّنْكُمْ نَذِقْهُ عَذَابًا
كَبِيرًا ﴿١٨﴾

19. (It will then be said to the Mushrikeen) "They (your gods) have denied what you said (that you worshipped them for their pleasure). You will (now) neither be able to turn the punishment away nor receive any assistance (from anyone to rescue you from the punishment). We shall inflict a grievous punishment on those of you who are oppressive (sinful)."

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا قَبْلَكَ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا إِنَّهُمْ لَيَأْكُلُونَ الطَّعَامَ وَيَمْشُونَ فِي الْأَسْوَاقِ وَجَعَلْنَا
بَعْضَكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ فِتْنَةً أَتَصْبِرُونَ وَكَانَ رَبُّكَ بَصِيرًا ﴿١٩﴾

20. All the Ambiyaa that We sent before you (O Muhammad ﷺ) used to eat food and walk in the marketplaces (because they too were humans, which is perfectly in order). (Therefore, do not worry about the persistent taunts of the Kuffaar because) We have made some of you as trials (tests) for others (to see whether you will exercise patience). Will you then exercise patience (to pass this test) ? Your Rabb is Ever Watchful (so beware of what you do and know that He will reward every good deed that you do).

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا لَوْلَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَيْنَا الْمَلَكُةُ أَوْ نَرَى رَبَّنَا لَقَدْ اسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ
وَعَتَوْا عُتُوًّا كَبِيرًا ﴿٢٠﴾

21. Those who do not aspire (hope) to meet Us say, "Why are angels not sent to us (as Ambiyaa) or why do we not see our Rabb (before believing in Rasoolullah ﷺ) ?" They are certainly proud of themselves (and therefore refuse to believe) and are extremely rebellious (because of which they make such absurd demands).

يَوْمَ يَرَوْنَ الْمَلَائِكَةَ لَا بُشْرَى يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُجْرِمِينَ وَيَقُولُونَ حَجْرًا مَّحْجُورًا ﴿٢١﴾

22. There shall be no good news (of Jannah) for the criminals (Kuffaar) on that day (of Qiyaamah) when they see the angels (of punishment), and they will shout, "Stay far away!" (This was exactly what they used to tell the Ambiyaa ﷺ in the world. However, on the Day of Qiyaamah, they will say these words to protect themselves from punishment.)

وَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُمْ مِنَ ظُلُمَاتٍ إِلَى نُورٍ وَفَجَعَلَهُ هَبَاءً مُنْتَوَرًا ﴿٢٢﴾

23. We will then turn (Our attention) to their (good) deeds and reduce them to scattered

dust (render them worthless because they were carried out without Imaan).

أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ يَوْمَذِي خَيْرٍ مُّسْتَقَرًّا وَأَحْسَنُ مَقِيلًا ﴿٢٤﴾

24. (On the other hand,) The people of Jannah will be in the best of abodes and the best of resting places (everlasting bliss).

وَيَوْمَ تَشْقُقُ السَّمَاوَاتُ بِالْغَمَامِ وَنُزِّلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ تَنْزِيلًا ﴿٢٥﴾

25. (Do not forget) The day (of Qiyaamah) when the sky will be split and from the clouds the angels will descend in large numbers (onto the Plain of Resurrection).

الْمُلْكُ يَوْمَذِي الْحَقِّ لِلرَّحْمَنِ وَكَانَ يَوْمًا عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ عَسِيرًا ﴿٢٦﴾

26. True sovereignty on that day will be exclusive (only) for Ar Rahmaan (because no one else will even be able to claim ownership over anything). The day will be very difficult for the Kaafiroon (because they will be condemned to eternal punishment).

وَيَوْمَ يَعْصُ الظَّالِمُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ يَقُولُ لِيَلَيْتَنِي اتَّخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلًا ﴿٢٧﴾

27. (Remember that this is) The day when the oppressor (the Mushrik Ubay bin Khalaf, who forsook Islaam to please his friend Ubay bin Khalaf) will bite his hands (his fingers out of regret) saying, "If only I had chosen the path (to guidance and salvation) with the Rasool ﷺ!"

يَوْمَلَيْتَنِي لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا ﴿٢٨﴾

28. "...Woe to me! If only I had never taken such a person (Ubay bin Khalaf) as a friend (for I would have then remained a Muslim and would not be condemned to Jahannam today)."

لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِجَاءِنِي وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ خَذُولًا ﴿٢٩﴾

29. "...He (Ubay bin Khalaf) has certainly deviated me from the reminder (the Qur'aan) after it had come to me." Shaytaan always deserts (betrays and fails to help) man (when man is in need after following Shaytaan's deceptions).

وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا ﴿٣٠﴾

30. (On the Day of Qiyaamah) The Rasool ﷺ will say (attesting to the kufr of his people), "O my Rabb! My people have ignored this Qur'aan (regarded it to be obsolete)."

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ عَدُوًّا مِّنَ الْمَجْرُمِينَ وَكُفِيَ بِرَبِّكَ هَادِيًا وَنَصِيرًا ﴿٣١﴾

31. In this manner (just as Rasulullaah ﷺ had opposition) **We have appointed from the criminals** (the Kuffaar) **an enemy for every Nabi.** (However, the Ambiyaa ﷺ had no cause to fear their enemies because) **Your Rabb suffices as a Guide and a Helper** (He will make you reach the desired destination).

مَّ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً وَاحِدَةً كَذَلِكَ لِنُثَبِّتَ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ
وَرَتَّلْنَاهُ تَرْتِيلًا ﴿٣١﴾

32. Those who commit kufr say, “Why is the entire Qur’aan not revealed to him (Rasulullaah ﷺ) **all at once** (like how the Torah was revealed) **?” We have revealed it in this manner** (part by part over a period of approximately 23 years) **so that your heart** (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) **may be strengthened by it** (when it provides you with encouragement each time you require it), **and We have revealed** (recited) **it gradually** (slowly so that it is easier to understand and easier to memorise).

وَلَا يَأْتُونَكَ بِمَثَلٍ إِلَّا جِئْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَأَحْسَنَ تَفْسِيرًا ﴿٣٢﴾

33. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) Whenever they (the Kuffaar) **present a** (ridiculous) **example to you** (to falsify and find fault with your message), **We reveal the precise reply to you with explicit clarity** (so that you may counter their words with something better).

الَّذِينَ يَحْشُرُونَ عَلَىٰ وُجُوهِهِمْ إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ أُولَٰئِكَ شَرٌّ مَّكَانًا وَأَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا ﴿٣٣﴾

34. Those who shall be resurrected (and then dragged to Jahannam) **on their faces will certainly be in the worst of predicaments** (difficulties) **and most deviated from the path** (of salvation).

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلْنَا مَعَهُ أَخَاهُ هَارُونَ وَزِيرًا ﴿٣٤﴾

35. Verily We gave the Book (Torah) **to Moosa** (عليه السلام) **and made his brother Haaron** (عليه السلام) **a minister** (assistant) **to him.**

فَقُلْنَا أَذْهَبَ إِلَى الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا فَذَمَرْنَاهُمْ تَذْمِيرًا ﴿٣٥﴾

36. We then said, “The two of you should go (and preach Towheed) **to the nation that rejects Our Aayaat** (Fir’oun’s nation).” (When the two brothers preached Towheed to Fir’oun and his people, they rejected the message,) **Thereafter We completely annihilated** (destroyed) **the nation** (of Fir’oun when We drowned them in the Red Sea).

وَقَوْمُ نُوحٍ لَّمَّا كَذَّبُوا الرُّسُلَ أَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ سُلَالًا يَلْعَبُ الْبَنَاءُ عَلَيْهَا يَتَّبِعُونَ ۖ وَجَعَلْنَا لِّلنَّاسِ آيَةً وَأَعَدْنَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ﴿٣٦﴾

37. And We drowned the people of Nooh (عليه السلام) **when they rejected the Rusul** (by rejecting the message of Nooh ﷺ, they actually rejected all the Rusul because each one carried the same message),

making them a lesson to people. (In addition to this punishment in the world,) **We have prepared** (in the Aakhirah) **an excruciating** (and extremely painful) **punishment for the oppressors** (the Kuffaar).

وَعَادًا قَوْمُودًا وَأَصْحَابَ الرَّيْسِ وَقَوْمًا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٣٨﴾

38. (Just as the destruction of this nation is a lesson, do not forget that) **We also annihilated the Aad, the Thamud, the people of the well** (a community of Kuffaar that was swallowed by the earth as they sat beside a well) **and numerous nations between them.**

وَكُلًّا ضَرَبْنَا لَهُ الْأَمْثَالَ وَكُلًّا تَبَّرْنَا تَتْبِيرًا ﴿٣٩﴾

39. **We had cited** (many) **examples to each of them** (to explain Towheed to them) **and** (when they refused to accept Imaan, We) **destroyed each one of them.**

وَلَقَدْ آتَوْنَا عَلَى الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي أَمْطَرْنَا مَطَرًا سَوِيًّا أَفَلَمْ يَكُونُوا يَرَوْنها بَلْ كَانُوا لَا يَرْجُونَ
نُشُورًا ﴿٤٠﴾

40. **These people** (the Mushrikeen of Makkah) **have certainly** (en route to Shaam) **passed the town** (Sodom) **that was showered by a devastating rain** (a shower of stones). **Have they not seen it** (because their behaviour indicates that they have not) ? **No** (it is not that they have not seen it), (they have definitely seen the ruins of this place) **but** (they refuse to take a lesson because) **they are not expecting any resurrection.** (Because they do not believe in resurrection, they do not fear the punishment of the Aakhirah and therefore fail to learn a lesson from the destruction of previous nations.)

وَإِذَا رَأَوْكَ إِن يَتَّخِذُونَكَ إِلَّا هُزُوءًا أَهَذَا الَّذِي بَعَثَ اللَّهُ رَسُولًا ﴿٤١﴾

41. **When they** (the Kuffaar) **see you** (O Rasoolullah ﷺ) **they seek only to mock you** (by saying), **“Has Allaah sent him as a Rasool** (Could Allaah not find someone else with more wealth and higher social standing) ?”

إِنْ كَادَ لَيُضِلَّنَا عَنْ الْهْتِنَا لَوْلَا أَن صَبَرْنَا عَلَيْهَا وَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ حِينَ يَرَوْنَ الْعَذَابَ مَنْ أَضَلَّ
سَبِيلًا ﴿٤٢﴾

42. (They also say) **“He** (Rasoolullah ﷺ) **would have led us away from our gods if we had not** (been steadfast and) **persevered with them.”** Shortly, when they see the punishment (in the Aakhirah), **they will come to know who has strayed most from the path.** (They will then realise that it was they rather than Rasoolullah ﷺ and the Mu'mineen who had strayed from the path of salvation.)

أَرَأَيْتَ مَنِ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ أَفَأَنْتَ تَكُونُ عَلَيْهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٤٣﴾

43. Have you seen the one who has taken his whims (wish, fancies, desires) as an Ilaah (one who does whatever his desires dictate) ? Will you be a guardian over him (constantly checking his actions.)? (You have no control over his beliefs and actions and should therefore not be grieved when he refuses to accept Imaan. His fault is not your responsibility at all.)

أَمْ تَحْسَبُ أَنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ يَسْمَعُونَ وَيَعْقِلُونَ إِنَّهُمْ لَا كَالْأَنْعَامِ بَلْ هُمْ أَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا ﴿٤٣﴾

44. Or do you think that most of them hear (with the intention of accepting) or understand (everything they are told) ? (This is not the case because) They are merely like animals, but even more astray. (Whereas animals still realise that they should avoid things that cause them harm, the Kuffaar plunge further into kufr and sin that will cause them the worst harm in both worlds.)

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى رَبِّكَ كَيْفَ مَدَّ الظِّلَّ وَلَوْ شَاءَ لَجَعَلَهُ سَاكِنًا ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَا الشَّمْسَ عَلَيْهِ دَلِيلًا ﴿٤٤﴾

45. Do you not see how your Rabb spreads (prolongs) the shadow (causes it to extend as the afternoon progresses). If He willed, He could have made it stationary. (It is therefore only because of Allaah's will that shadows move.) (However,) **We then appoint the sun as a guide to it (the shadow).** (Although the shadow falls and moves solely because of Allaah's power, Allaah has made the sun and the movement of the earth signs for man to understand the falling of the shadow. It is not the sun nor the earth's movement that are responsible for the shadow falling, but they are merely instruments. Man should therefore not think that things happen because of the visible means that he sees. Everything happens by Allaah's will.)

ثُمَّ قَضَیْنَاهُ الْيَنَاقِضَیْنِ سَبِيلًا ﴿٤٥﴾

46. Then We gradually withdraw it (the shadow) towards Ourselves (causing it to shorten as the morning passes).

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ لِبَاسًا وَالنَّوْمَ سُبَاتًا وَجَعَلَ النَّهَارَ عِشْرًا ﴿٤٦﴾

47. Allaah is the One Who has made the night as a garment (which covers the earth and conceals things as clothes do), has made sleep a form of rest and has made the day a time (for people and other creatures) to spread out (on earth in search of their provisions because it is a time when they can see clearly and do much more).

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ الرِّيحَ بُشْرًا لِّبَنِي يَدَى رَحْمَتِهِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً طَهُورًا ﴿٤٧﴾

48. He is the One Who sends the winds as a carrier of good news ahead of His mercy (the winds precede the rain that is due to arrive). And He sends from the skies water that purifies.

لِّنُخْرِجَ بِهِ بَلَدَةً مَّيِّتًا وَنُسْقِيَهُ مِمَّا خَلَقْنَا أَنْعَامًا وَأَنَا سَيِّ كَثِيرًا ﴿٤٨﴾

49. (Allaah sends the rain) So that We revive the dead (arid) land with it (causing vegetation to flourish there) and so that We give drinking water to Our creation, (who comprise of, among other things)

animals and many people.

وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَاهُ بَيْنَهُمْ لِيَذَّكَّرُوا فَأَبَى أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ إِلَّا كُفُورًا ﴿٥٠﴾

50. We have certainly distributed (divided) it (water) between them (creation) so that they (people) take heed (thank Allaah for this great bounty), but most people only wish to be ungrateful.

وَلَوْ شِئْنَا لَبَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ قَرْيَةٍ نَذِيرًا ﴿٥١﴾

51. If We willed, We would have sent a (separate) warner to every village. (However, We sent many Ambiyaa as warners to several towns.)

فَلَا تُطِيعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَجَاهِدْهُمْ بِهِ جِهَادًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٥٢﴾

52. So do not follow the (whims of the) Kaafiroon and staunchly oppose them (with a mighty force) with it (the Qur'aan). (Use the teachings of the Qur'aan to oppose the false beliefs and actions of the Kuffaar.)

وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ هَذَا عَذْبٌ فُرَاتٌ وَهَذَا مِلْحٌ أُجَاجٌ وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخًا وَجُجْرًا مَحْجُورًا ﴿٥٣﴾

53. It is He (Allaah) Who has merged two seas (two masses of water), the one (rivers and lakes) being sweet and quenching, while the other (the ocean) is salty and bitter. He has created between them a barrier that acts as an impregnable (forbidden) veil (which prevents the two types of water from mixing even though they run into each other).

وَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ مِنَ الْمَاءِ بَشَرًا فَجَعَلَهُ نَسَبًا وَصِهْرًا وَكَانَ رَبُّكَ قَدِيرًا ﴿٥٤﴾

54. It is He Who has created man from water (a drop of semen) and (to extend and enrich man's social life, Allaah) has appointed for him relatives by blood and relatives by marriage. Your Rabb is Ever Powerful (over all things).

وَيَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَلَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَكَانَ الْكَافِرُ عَلَىٰ رَبِّهِ ظَهِيرًا ﴿٥٥﴾

55. (However, despite all these favours that Allaah has given man,) Besides Allaah they (the Mushrikeen) worship things that do not benefit them, nor harm them (in any way). The Kaafir was ever opposed to (against) his Rabb (by following the dictates of Shaytaan his enemy rather than the commands of Allaah, Who gave him everything he has).

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٥٦﴾

56. We have sent you (O Rasoolullah ﷺ) only as a carrier of good news (to the Mu'mineen) and a warner (to the Kuffaar).

قُلْ مَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِنْ شَاءَ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ سَبِيلًا ﴿٥٧﴾

57. Say (to the Kuffaar, O Rasoolullah ﷺ), "I do not ask you for any payment (for the message I am conveying to you) apart from being the person who wishes to tread a path towards his Rabb (having such faithful followers is all I ask for, not any other payment)."

وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِهِ وَكَفَىٰ بِهِ بُدُوبَ عِبَادِهِ خَبِيرًا ﴿٥٨﴾

58. Rely only on The Living (Allaah) Who cannot die and glorify His praises. Allaah suffices as the Knower of His bondsmen's sins (even if there was nothing else to witness man's sins, Allaah's knowledge is sufficient to prove him guilty).

الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ الرَّحْمَنُ فَسَلِّ بِهِ خَبِيرًا ﴿٥٩﴾

59. It was He Who created the heavens, the earth and whatever is between them in six days, and then turned (His attention) to the Throne. He is the Most Merciful, so enquire about Him from one who is knowledgeable. (Find out about Allaah from those who have recognised Him so that you may also recognise Him.)

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ سَجُدُوا لِلرَّحْمَنِ قَالُوا وَمَا الرَّحْمَنُ أَنَسْجُدُ لِمَا تَأْمُرُنَا وَزَادَهُمْ نُفُورًا ﴿٦٠﴾

60. When they (the Kuffaar) are told, "Prostrate to Ar Rahmaan," they (insolently) say (pretending not to understand), "What is Ar Rahmaan? Should we prostrate to whatever you command us?" Their hatred then only increases. (One who recites or hears this verse being recited should perform Sajdah.)

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ فِي السَّمَاءِ بُرُوجًا وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا سِرَاجًا وَقَمَرًا مُنِيرًا ﴿٦١﴾

61. Blessed is the Being Who created gigantic stars in the sky and (among the more prominent sources of light that He created in the sky, He has) placed the sun and the luminous moon in it.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ خِلْفَةً لِّمَن أَرَادَ أَنْ يَذَّكَّرَ أَوْ أَرَادَ شُكُورًا ﴿٦٢﴾

62. It is He Who has appointed the night and the day in succession for the one who intends to take heed (reflect) or who intends to be grateful. (It is such people who appreciate these favours of Allaah and use them in obedience to Him.)

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ﴿٦٣﴾

63. Ar Rahmaan's bondsmen are those who walk on earth in humility (without pride) and, when the ignorant talk to them, they (excuse themselves) saying, "Salaam" (Leave us in peace).

(By doing this, they avoid useless talk and senseless arguments.)

وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا وَقِيَامًا ۝٦٤

64. (They are) Those who spend the night in prostrating and standing before their Rabb (performing salaah while others are asleep).

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَامًا ۝٦٥

65. (They are) Those who say, "O our Rabb! Turn the punishment of Jahannam away from us. Verily its punishment is devastating indeed!"

إِنَّهَا سَاءَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا ۝٦٦

66. "It (Jahannam) is surely an evil residence and abode."

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَقُوا لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا ۝٦٧

67. (They are) Those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant (do not squander) nor miserly, but are rather stationed (found) in moderation between the two (extremes. They neither spend too much nor too little).

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ
وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا ۝٦٨

68. (They are) Those who do not call to (do not worship) another Ilaah with Allaah, who only kill a soul forbidden by Allaah with a warrant (when required to execute a person whom a court of Shari'ah sentences to death), and (they are those) who do not fornicate (they neither engage in fornication nor adultery). Whoever commits these (sins of Shirk, murder, fornication or adultery) shall meet with a grave punishment.

يُضَعَفُ لَهُ الْعَذَابُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَخُلِدَ فِيهِ مُهَانًا ۝٦٩

69. (In fact,) Punishment will be multiplied for him on the Day of Qiyaamah and he shall remain disgraced in it (the punishment) forever.

إِلَّا مَنِ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَوْلِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ۝٧٠

70. (This punishment is for all such people) Except for those who (sincerely) repent, accept Imaan

and perform good actions. For such people Allaah will convert their sins into good deeds. Allaah is Ever Most Forgiving, Most Merciful (for He is All Powerful).

وَمَنْ تَابَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَإِنَّهُ يَتُوبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَتَابًا ﴿٧١﴾

71. Whoever repents and performs good actions has certainly turned to Allaah in earnestness (and will be greatly rewarded).

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ الزُّورَ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِاللَّغْوِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا ﴿٧٢﴾

72. And (Ar Rahmaan's bondsmen are) **those who do not engage in acts of deceit** (do not take false oaths and give false evidence) **and, when they pass by frivolous** (useless) **acts, they pass by gracefully** (without participating and without unnecessarily arguing with the participants).

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّو عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا وَعُمْيَانًا ﴿٧٣﴾

73. (They are) Those who, when they are reminded by the Aayaat (messages) **of their Rabb, do not fall down** (become) **deaf and blind** (Rather, they heed the advice given and see the truth).

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا ذُرِّيَّتًا قَرَّةَ عَيْنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾

74. (They are) Those who say, “O our Rabb! Grant us the coolness (comfort) **of our eyes** (grant us pleasure and satisfaction) **from our spouses and children** (so that they never become a source of regret or distress for us in either world when they follow Islaam properly), **and make us Imaams** (guides) **of the pious** (make our progeny pious and make us pious enough to guide pious people).”

أُولَئِكَ يُجْزَوْنَ الْغُرُفَةَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيُلَقَّوْنَ فِيهَا نَحْوَةً وَاسْطًا ﴿٧٥﴾

75. These people, because of their steadfastness (in Imaan and Islaam), **shall be rewarded with balconies** (in Jannah) **where they will be met** (by the angels) **with greetings** (of welcome) **and Salaam** (which will increase their honour and reverence).

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا حَسُنَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا ﴿٧٦﴾

76. They will live there (in Jannah) **forever. It is surely a beautiful residence and abode.**

قُلْ مَا يَعْذِبُكُمْ رَبِّي أَوْلَا دُعَاؤُكُمْ فَقَدْ كَذَّبْتُمْ سُوفَ يَكُونُ لَكُمْ عَذَابٌ

عَذَابٌ

77. Say, “My Rabb would not concern Himself with you if it had not been for your du’aa (prayer to Him). **You have surely rejected** (Imaan) **and it** (your punishment) **will soon become necessary** (inevitable and unavoidable).”